

Editor's Notebook



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28 Years Of FARM SHOW On CD

We're pleased to announce that the latest new edition of FARM SHOW on CD-Rom will soon be ready to ship.

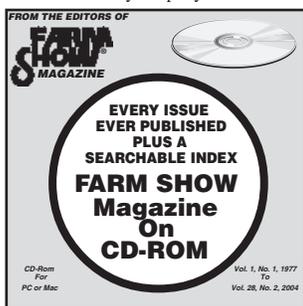
We normally update the CD every couple years. The last update was Summer, 2002. This new edition - our 6th version - contains every issue up through this issue that you hold in your hands. A total of nearly 28 years of FARM SHOW all on one easy-to-use CD!

Every story we've ever published appears in its original format. The last 10 years of the magazine are crystal clear on the screen, because we have electronic files for all of them. The earlier years appear in black and white - like a xerox copy - because we had to scan them to get them onto the CD.

What's more, the CD contains a state-of-the-art "searchable" electronic index that makes it easy to find any invention or idea published over the past 28 years.

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"Valentine calf" named Oreo is a big hit for this family in Kentucky.

Big-Hearted Calf

"I never noticed the heart on this calf's head until I started thinking about what to do for Valentine's day," says Thelma Taylor, of Cynthiana, Ky., about a family calf named Oreo that wears his heart on his head. Taylor says the 7-month calf has an extremely gentle disposition, which goes well with his built-in decoration.

Farmer Who Shot Cows Quits Farming

Last summer, two of Harry Jacobs' 800-lb. Herefords escaped from his New Jersey Farm. The cattle headed toward a nearby busy expressway. Fearing a horrific accident, Jacobs shot the cows before they could get up on the multi-lane highway.

Instead of being congratulated for making such a tough on-the-spot decision, the 73-year-old Jacobs was charged with

cruelty to animals. If convicted he could have spent 6 months in jail and paid a \$1,000 fine. He plead guilty instead of creating a public nuisance and was fined \$125.

"The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals thinks every animal is a pet," says Jacobs, who maintains he did nothing wrong. Angry and frustrated at the harassment from the SPCA, he has decided to sell his farm and move to Florida. (*The Delmarva Farmer*)

He Put Up His Own Billboard

Two years ago we ran a blurb right here about a book written to help farmers and other landowners get the best deal when negotiating with billboard companies. It's a topic that interests a lot of people because there are more than 800,000 landowners with billboards on their property.

"I bought a copy of the book right after your article appeared because I had already been contacted by a company that wanted to lease land for a billboard," says Greg Honderd, Hudsonville, Mich. "After reading the book, I decided the best way to make money over the long term was to put up my own billboard and then rent out space to advertisers."

Honderd hired a local contractor to put up the structure. Total cost was about \$20,000. After construction was completed, he heard about a company that makes prefab structures which would have been about \$4,000 cheaper (Gerald R. Page Corp. - ph 800-643-3966).

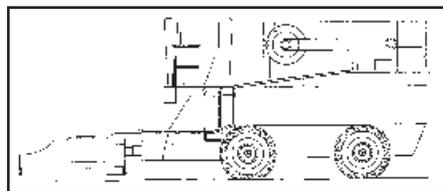
Honderd says the book was helpful because of its information on leases, billboard history, and techniques that the national companies use to convince landowners to lease their properties. He says it gave him the confidence to do the job himself.

"Our setup is working fine," he says. "We went to local businesses and found two who were willing to sign multi-year leases. That helps reduce time spent on management."

The book Honderd used is called "Billboards: The Secrets of Free Money For Doing Nothing" and it's published by the National Landowner Network. They also have a website at www.FarmBillboards.com or you can reach them at Box 46182, Madison, Wis. 53744 (ph 608 446-3403). The book sells for \$11.95 plus \$6 S&H, or \$4.95 for immediate downloading at the website.

Wacky Job Title

This is a true story. A local company has changed the name of the person who handles the switchboard and greets visitors to company headquarters. Instead of being called a "receptionist", that person now has the much more impressive title of "Director Of First Impressions"!



Powerful microwave generators on front of self-propelled combine sterilize the top 2 in. of soil.

Inventor Dies As Idea Takes Off

Harold Haller received a U.S. patent in 2002 for a machine that kills weed seeds and sterilizes soil using microwaves. He built a prototype, mounting several microwave generators on front of a self-propelled combine. Each of the microwave motors he used was 150 times stronger than a home-type microwave oven.

The microwaves on the machine penetrate the top 2 in. of the soil, thoroughly sterilizing it and killing every living thing. Unfortunately, besides killing nuisance bugs and weed seeds, they also kill beneficial worms and bacteria.

Haller came up with the idea 20 years ago but didn't perfect his prototype until recent years. He has taken it to many manufacturers but has not yet found one to take it on. He estimates the machine would cost about \$100,000 to market.

Unfortunately, just as Harold started getting public credit for his idea (the *High Plains Journal* recently ran a cover story on his invention) and as he was getting close to finding a manufacturer, the 73-year-old inventor died. His family retains the rights to the machine.

Liberty Quotes

"It is always from a minority acting in ways different from what the majority would prescribe that the majority in the end learns to do better." *Fredrich August von Hayek*

"To do for the world more than the world does for you - that is success." *Henry Ford*

"Hitler knows that he will have to break us in this island or lose the war. If we can stand up to him, all Europe may be free, and life of the world may move forward into broad, sunlit uplands. But if we fail, then the whole world, including the United States, including all that we have known and cared for, will sink into the abyss of a new Dark Age. Let us therefore brace ourselves to our duties, and so bear ourselves that, if the British Empire and its Commonwealth last for a thousand years, men will still say, 'This was their finest hour.'" *Sir Winston Churchill*

"The first Amendment says nothing about a right not to be offended. The risk of finding someone else's speech offensive is the price each of us pays for our own free speech. Free people don't run to court - or to the principal - when they encounter a message they don't like. They answer it with one of their own." *Jeff Jacoby*

"The possession of unlimited power will make a despot of almost any man. There is a possible Nero in the gentlest human creature that walks." *Thomas Bailey Aldrich*

"The law, unfortunately, has always been retained on the side of power; laws have uniformly been enacted for the protection and perpetuation of power." *Thomas Cooper*

"One of the things that bothers me most is the growing belief in the country that security is more important than freedom. It ain't." *Lynn Nofziger*

A 20 Dollar Bill

A well-known speaker started off his seminar to a group of 200 people by holding up a \$20 bill and asking, "Who would like this \$20 bill?" Hands started going up. He said, "I am going to give this \$20 to one of you but first, let me do this..."

He proceeded to crumple the \$20 bill up. He then asked, "Who still wants it?" Still the hands were up in the air.

"Well," he replied, "what if I do this?" And he dropped it on the ground and started to grind it into the floor with his shoe.

He picked it up, now crumpled and dirty. "Now, who still wants it?"

Still the hands went into the air. "My friends, we have all learned a valuable lesson. No matter what I did to the money, you still wanted it because it did not decrease in value. It was still worth \$20.

"Many times in our lives, we are dropped, crumpled, and ground into the dirt by the decisions we make and the circumstances that come our way. We feel as though we are worthless.

"But no matter what has happened or what will happen, you will never lose your value. Dirty or clean, crumpled or finely creased, you are still priceless to those who love you.

"The worth of our lives comes not in what we do or whom we know, but by who we are. "You are special. Don't ever forget it."

A farmer stayed home on Sunday to haul hay because rain was predicted. Just after noon, as he came down the road with a load of hay, he met the preacher, who looked at him reproachfully. "Reverend," said the farmer, "it's better to be sitting on this hay thinking about God than sitting in church thinking about hay."

Ole was fed up with Lena's bad hearing so he decided to show her one day just how bad it was getting.

She was in the kitchen. He stood out in the front hall and said, "Lena, what are we having for dinner?" No answer. He moved closer, standing in the dining room. "Lena, what are we having for dinner?" No answer. He moved out into the kitchen, stood right behind her, and said loudly, "Lena, what are we having for dinner?"

Lena turned and looked him in the eye. "You darned fool, Ole! I already told you twice we're having chicken!"